

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 298

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Linda Church on her selection as Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for the kindergarten through fourth-grade division.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Linda Church is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Church has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for the kindergarten through fourth-grade division by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, who together represent over 370 years of teaching experience, Ms. Church was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, at the gathering, Hawkins County Schools feted twenty teachers selected as Teacher of the Year at their respective schools, with winners also selected and announced for three divisions: kindergarten through fourth-grade, fifth- through eighth-grade, and high school; and

WHEREAS, each school within the system selected its own recipient, after which a committee from the Central Office staff evaluated the school winners, following standards established by the Tennessee Department of Education, in order to determine the three division Teachers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Linda Church has served with acumen and alacrity as a fourth-grade teacher at Clinch School since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Church is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Linda Church truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Church truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Linda Church on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for the kindergarten through fourth-grade division of Hawkins County Schools, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.